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Mauldin Police Arrest Newberry County Man in Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Edward Rosson Slaton, 22, of 2314 Old Jollystreet Road in Prosperity, South Carolina, was arrested on October 19, 2009, in an Internet Predator sting conducted by the City of Mauldin Police Department.

The City of Mauldin Police Department is a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Slaton was arrested on one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment.

An arrest warrant alleges that beginning on July 28, 2009, Slaton solicited sex on the Internet from an individual he believed to be a thirteen (13) year old girl. In reality, he was soliciting sex from an undercover Mauldin Police officer.

Slaton was assigned a bond of \$25,000. A booking photo is available through the Greenville County Detention Center.

A search warrant executed on Slaton's residence resulted in the seizure of three (3) laptop computers and one (1) desktop computer. The Newberry County Sheriff's Office assisted in the case.

This is the one hundred seventy-seventh (177th) arrest for the Task Force.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

McMaster stressed that all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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